

# FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE MANAGEMENT IN ALASKA

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## **INTRODUCTION**

This booklet contains important information on seasons, harvest limits, methods and means, and customary and traditional use determinations related to the **taking of wildlife** on Federal public lands for subsistence uses. These regulations are effective from July 1, 2001, through June 30, 2002. Managed subsistence activities include the taking of most species of land mammals, grouse and ptarmigan.

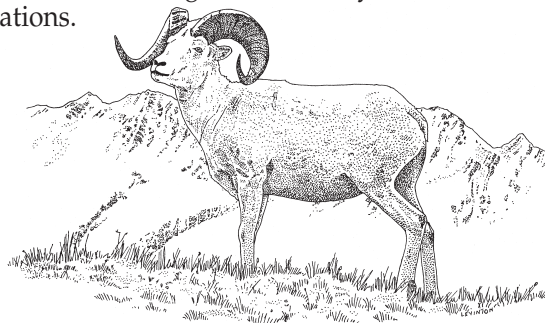
On July 1, 1990, the Federal Government assumed responsibility for the management of subsistence taking of wildlife on Federal public lands in Alaska. Federal public lands include lands managed by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs and the U.S.D.A. Forest Service, as well as non-navigable waters on these lands, and certain navigable and marine waters.

The Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act of 1980 requires that subsistence users have a priority over other users to take wildlife on Federal public lands where a recognized consistent and traditional pattern of use exists. When it is necessary to restrict the taking of wildlife on these lands, subsistence uses are given preference over other consumptive uses.

The public is responsible for complying with Federal subsistence regulations, as well as with additional regulatory changes and/or temporary and emergency closures or restrictions implemented by the Federal Subsistence Board during the regulatory year. The purpose of these regulations is to provide the opportunity for rural Alaska residents engaged in a subsistence way of life to continue to do so. To protect subsistence opportunities, it is essential that healthy wildlife populations be conserved.

## **FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE BOARD**

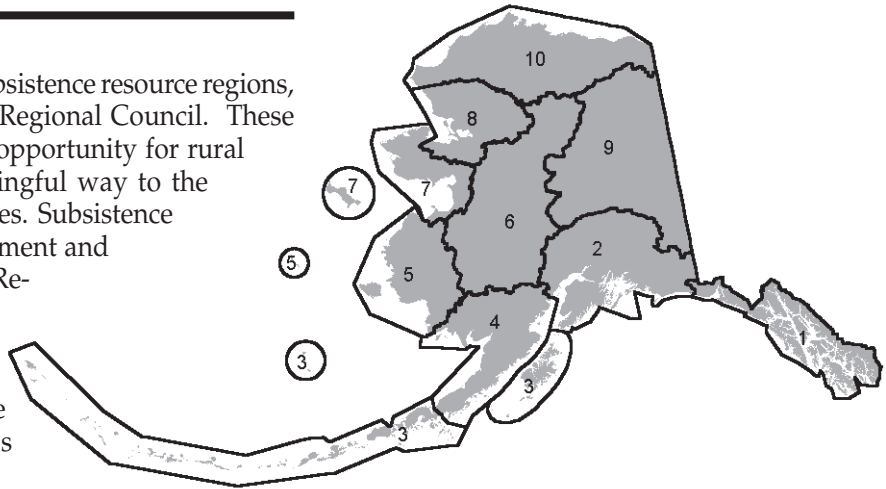
A Federal Subsistence Board oversees the Federal Subsistence Management Program. The Alaska directors of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Park Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and the U.S.D.A. Forest Service, are members of the Board. A representative of the Secretary of the Interior serves as chair. Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Councils and State of Alaska representatives play an active role in Board deliberations.



## **FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCILS**

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Alaska has been divided into ten subsistence resource regions, each of which is represented by a Regional Council. These ten Regional Councils provide an opportunity for rural Alaskans to contribute in a meaningful way to the management of subsistence resources. Subsistence users have the opportunity to comment and offer input on subsistence issues at Regional Council meetings, which are held at least twice a year. The Regional Councils develop proposals to change Federal subsistence regulations and review proposals submitted by others.



### **Regional Council Membership**

Regional Council members are appointed by the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture. Members must reside in the area they wish to represent and have knowledge of regional subsistence uses and needs. If you are interested in applying for membership, please contact the Regional Coordinator for your region (below) or (800) 478-1456.

The Regional Councils represent

- (1) Southeast
- (2) Southcentral
- (3) Kodiak/Aleutians
- (4) Bristol Bay
- (5) Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta
- (6) Western Interior
- (7) Seward Peninsula
- (8) Northwest Arctic
- (9) Eastern Interior
- (10) North Slope

## **FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE REGIONAL COORDINATORS**

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Eight Regional Coordinators facilitate communication between the Regional Councils and the Federal Subsistence Board. Each Regional Coordinator is responsible for one or two regions, and serves as a contact for the Regional Councils, Federal agency staffs and the public. Contact the Regional Coordinators for more information on the activities of each Regional Council.

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